

Jensen, Janelle

From: Brown-Martin, Donna
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 8:20 AM
To: Jensen, Janelle
Cc: Whaley-Smith, Teig
Subject: RE: Supervisor Schmitt Request

Per your Request, Janelle:
Here is the response sent to Supervisor Schmitt.

From: Brown-Martin, Donna
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 1:38 PM
To: Schmitt, James <James.Schmitt@milwaukeecountywi.gov>
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Good afternoon Chairman Schmitt,

I am following up on your question posed this morning regarding the long term operational costs for BRT service to Milwaukee County. Based on our analysis provided in the Environmental Document for the study, the impacts are outlined below. Please review and let me know if you have additional questions or concerns.

Per Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document submitted to FTA:

The BRT service annual operation and maintenance costs are estimated at \$5,724,500. Service improvements as a result of BRT implementation are estimated to save \$5,221,300. As a result, the incremental regional cost of implementing the East-West BRT service plan is \$503,200 annually or under 1% of MCTS' annual operation and maintenance costs. The increase in cost is driven by BRT amenities, including larger stations, ticket vending machines, and transit signal priority at intersections. Additional, operations and maintenance costs include operating personnel, maintenance equipment and personnel, and administration of bus services. Budget to operate the BRT is accounted for in the current MCTS budget and would be funded like other bus routes in the MCTS system; that is, through bus fares, advertising and sponsorships, and state and federal funding.

FTA Section 5307 funds are annual federal formula based apportionments that will likely increase for the Milwaukee Urbanized Areas due to projected rise in ridership with an enhanced transit system like BRT. Section 5307 funds will be used towards capitalized maintenance and some operating costs.

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